time from various parts of the country for setting up LPG distributorships and petrol/diesel retail outlets. After survey, locations meeting the Industry norms are included in the Marketing Plans for opening of RO dealerships/LPG distributorships.

(c) 15 ROs and one LPG distributorship proposals have been included in the current RO Marketing Plan for 1988—93 and LPG Marketing Plan 1992—94, for Himachal Pradesh as under :—

Retail Outlet Dealerships	LPB Distributorship
1. Ghagas	1. Shimla
2. Sujanpur Tihra	
3. Hamirpur	
4. Draman	
5. Alampur	
6. Patlikut	
7. Sarchu	
8. Nerchowk	
9. Shimla-bye-pass	
10. Kotkhai	
11. Sataun	
12. Ponta Sahib	
13. Una	
14. Kunihar	
15. Dalihara	

Order to Supply Welded Pipes by M/s. Saw Pipes

1234. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that M/s. Saw Pipes have recently received an order for Rs. 88 crores for welded pipes from ONGC, if so, what are its details;

(b) whether Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and ONGC have considered the performance of Saw Pipes in the case of welded pipes which are imported by them;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) whether M/s. Saw Pipes which work very closely with M/s. P. J. Pipes (P) Limited get a 15 per cent (Deemed Export) as indigenous manufacturer; and

(e) if so, what are the facts in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) ONGC had placed an order in January, 1993 on M/s. Saw Pipes Ltd. for supply of 47.74 Kms. of 42" and 30" line pipes for the Second Bassien Hazira Trunk Pipeline Project at a contract price of about Rs. 82.34 crores.

(b) and (c) Supplies against the order are yet to commence.

(d) and (e) Deemed Export Benefits are available to indigenous suppliers for making supplies to ONGC as per the provisions of the Export Import Policy 1992—97.

Use of Imported Naptha for Petrochemical Complexes

1235. SHRI J. P. JAVALI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the present policy of Government permits use of imported naptha for petrochemical complexes;

(b) if so, what are the reasons that the proposal of Karnataka Government regarding use of naptha in the project Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals is still pending;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

(d) what action is being taken to clear the proposal ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Based on the demand-supply scenario, a petrochemical complex at Mangalore refinery was not found feasible.

Expert Group to Augment Supplies of Natural Gas

1236. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE
SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government had constituted an expert group to look into various options of augmenting the supplies of Natural Gas in country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) and (b) An Expert Group headed by Chairman.